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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Examiner's Statement For Reasons For Allowance found in the Notice of Allowance dated August 10, 2006. The Examiner's statement for reasons for allowance recites in pertinent part:

Independent claims 1, 18, 46 and 55 identify the uniquely distinct features of a substrate that include a transparent optical sheet comprised of non-metallic birefringent multi-layer optical film positioned between two bonding sheets so that the peripheral edges of the optical film is located within the peripheral edge of the bonding sheets. (Emphasis Added)

It is submitted that the Examiner's statement does not coincide with the corresponding language expressly recited in the claims, and therefore, does not accurately reflect the reasons why the present claims were allowed. In particular, reference should be made to the language expressly recited in claims 1, 18, 46 and 55. For example:

Claim 1 recites in part:

wherein said optical film is dimensioned so as to be positionable substantially within the peripheral edge of each of said bonding sheets and the glazing component to which said optical sheet is to be adhered, and said transparent optical sheet is positioned between, and substantially within the peripheral edge of each of said bonding sheets so that portions of opposing major surfaces of said first and second bonding sheets, located adjacent their respective peripheral edge, extend beyond the peripheral edge of said optical film, face one another, and either have an unfilled space therebetween or contact one another. (Emphasis Added)

Claim 55 recites in part:

wherein said optical film is dimensioned so as to be positionable substantially within the peripheral edge of the glazing component to which said optical sheet is to be adhered.

Claim 18 recites in part:

wherein one major surface of one of said bonding sheets is bonded to the major surface of one of said glazing components and one major surface of the other of said bonding sheets is bonded to the major surface of the other of said glazing components, such that said optical sheet is positioned between said bonding sheets and said glazing components, and at least a substantial portion of the peripheral edge of said optical film is disposed so as to extend beyond the peripheral edge of at least one of said glazing components. (Emphasis Added)

Claim 46 recites in part:

wherein said optical film is dimensioned so as to extend beyond the peripheral edge of at least one glazing component to which said optical sheet is to be adhered.

Respectfully submitted,

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